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DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

WE, Ryuichi Otogawa, Shinji Yamauchi and Hirokatsu Shimizu state that:

1. we are citizens of Japan, and residents of Japan;
2. we are duly authorized to execute this instrument;
3. we are joint inventors of the claimed invention for which a patent is sought in the above-captioned U.S. patent application;
4. the subject matter of Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-20090, from which the above-captioned U.S. patent application is based, was our own works; and

5. we declare under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28 of the United States Code that the foregoing is true and correct.

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